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SUBJ: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA

1. YOU SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA
FROM THE SECRETARY.

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE
DURING HIS AND MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS' RECENT ROUND OF
TALKS. I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING TIME TO RECEIVE HIM IN
GABORONE ON OCTOBER 1 AND HAVE READ CAREFULLY AMBASSADOR
SCHAUFELLE'S REPORT OF HIS MEETING WITH YOU.

I KNOW THE IMPORTANT AND MOST HELPFUL ROLE YOU HAVE PLAYED
IN ADVANCING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IT CONTINUES TO BE MY
JUDGMENT THAT IF A PEACEFUL OUTCOME TO THE RHODESIAN CRISIS
IS TO BE FOUND, IT IS ESSENTIAL THE NATIONALISTS COME TO
A RAPID UNDERSTANDING ON HOW ZIMBABWE WILL BE REPRESENTED
AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE AND AGREE TO AN EARLY DATE FOR THE
MEETING. THE LONGER THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE DELAYED, THE LONGER THE
WAR WILL CONTINUE AND THOSE INTERESTED IN PEACE WOULD LOSE
CONTROL. THE RISK OF OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION IS
CERTAIN TO INCREASE.

AT THE SAME TIME ONCE THE CONFERENCE MEETS, I AM

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SURE MANY OF THE CONCERNS VOICED BY THE NATIONALISTS CAN

BE ANSWERED. WE AND THE BRITISH WILL DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO ASSURE THIS IS THE CASE. THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR ACTION AND I HOPE YOU WILL LEND YOUR SUPPORT TO MOVING MATTERS TO A CONCLUSION.

SINCE I LEFT AFRICA, I HAVE CONTINUED MY CONSULTATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF NAMIBIA. AS I COMMUNICATED TO YOU EARLIER I BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REACH A SETTLEMENT THERE ON THE BASIS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CONFIRMING A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE; CONVENING A CONFERENCE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA BETWEEN SWAPO AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE, TO WORK OUT THE STEPS LEADING UP TO INDEPENDENCE; AND OBTAINING SOUTH AFRICAN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT THE CONFERENCE'S CONCLUSIONS AND TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA'S POST-INDEPENDENCE RELATIONSHIPS WITH NAMIBIA.

THESE PROPOSALS OFFER A CLEAR ROAD TO A FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. I BELIEVE SOUTH AFRICA IS NOW PREPARED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONCESSIONS AND THAT SWAPO HAS OBTAINED SATISFACTION ON THE PRINCIPAL POINTS IN ITS PROGRAM. SWAPO'S INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION WHICH A WELL PUBLICIZED MEETING BETWEEN ME AND THE PRESIDENT OF SWAPO LAST WEEK IN NEW YORK REINFORCED AND ITS OFFICIAL STANDING WITH THE OAU AND THE UNITED NATIONS WILL PLACE IT IN A VERY STRONG POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE.

I AM EQUALLY CERTAIN THAT WE ARE RAPIDLY REACHING THE OUTSIDE LIMIT OF WHAT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED FROM SOUTH AFRICA. IF THERE IS TO BE A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL ONCE PROPOSALS ARE FORMALLY ADVANCED, THERE BE A CLEAR CONSENSUS THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE. WE CANNOT AFFORD THE RISK OF ANOTHER PUBLIC MISUNDERSTANDING LIKE THAT WHICH FOLLOWED THE LUSAKA STATEMENT ON RHODESIA; THE NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT LOST. VIOLENCE COULD CONTINUE AND WORSEN WITH ALL THAT IMPLIES.

AS SOON AS THERE IS AGREEMENT ON THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS
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OF A SETTLEMENT, I AM SURE A PUBLIC PROPOSAL CAN BE MADE BUT I INTEND TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL I RECEIVE FURTHER WORD AS TO HOW AFRICAN LEADERS WISH TO PROCEED.

I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS.

WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER.
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